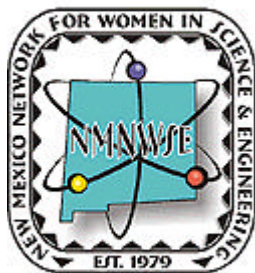


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Each spring the NMNWSE holds conferences around New Mexico to introduce young women (junior high and high school age) to nontraditional careers. These conferences are called "Expanding Your Horizons," and they were originally conceived by and are licensed through the Math/Science Network (the Math Science Network is coordinated through Mills College and the Lawrence Hall of Science in California, <http://www.expandingyourhorizons.org>). During the Expanding Your Horizons conference young women are given the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities and meet successful women who are in nontraditional careers.

Why this book? What do you want to be when you grow up? Chances are when children answer this question their responses are limited to the careers of the people around them. We want to expand the possible answers to this question by introducing young women to all of the women who contributed to this book. Each author has provided insights into her own career, and the enthusiasm she feels comes through in each description. We hope that this book will spark the interest in all our readers, but particularly those for whom this was written - young women exploring their possibilities.

Thank you to all the authors who dedicated their time and efforts to see that the women that come after them have a headstart at a fulfilling career.

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